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## Labor & Bob Pynsent back in Cessnock & Sue Moore new mayor of Singleton

THE final results from the September 10 Local Government elections have been declared with some unexpected results. Cessnock Council, which is a political aligned, saw a large swing to the ALP giving it eight seats, including the mayor, with the Liberals left with three & one independent. Seven of the eight ALP councillors are first term councillors. The Liberal mayoral candidate, Rod Doherty, said that he was disappointed with the result & said that he decided to stand for the position of Mayor after the disgraceful exhibition on Wednesday night the 20th July 2016 Council meeting when the Buchanan Mosque was approved by Labor and the Greens. "I had this dream that I could make a difference if elected to lead the City of Cessnock. Labor voters

didn't see my vision beyond a protest vote against the Greyhound industry and maybe the prison decision," said Rod. He also thanked all those who supported him and his candidates. It was generally agreed by the great majority of political analysts that the Baird government's decision to ban greyhound racing in NSW from the 1st July next year was a decisive factor in the state wide results. Mayor Bob Pynsent said that the large swing & good result was as he expected & thanked all who supported him and the ALP candidates in each ward. "Banning Greyhound racing shows how out of touch the Liberals are with the community. Country Labor is very worried that an economic benefit is being taken away from families in the Cessnock LGA following their

decision to ban greyhound racing," Bob said. "The Country Labor team didn't support the decision of the Liberal Government which has shut down an entire industry instead of punishing the small minority of people who do the wrong thing. Banning the Greyhound industry will result in Greyhound property in the local area becoming worthless." "We supported our Local Country Labor Member Clayton Barr MP, Member for Cessnock who said "I cannot vote to destroy so many people's way of life including social and financial ruin. I am 100% for change and reform in the greyhound industry, but not killing it. Cruelty to animals in the past is something that we can't change, but cruelty to animals and humans in the future is something that we can control", said Bob.



Bob Pynsent, re-elected Mayor Cessnock City Council



Sue Moore, newly elected Mayor of Singleton

Sue Moore has been declared the new Mayor of Singleton after counting in the mayoral vote came down to the wire. Mayor Moore takes the helm from John Martin, who was returned as a councillor after narrowly missing out on the top job in Singleton's second consecutive popular mayoral election. Mayor Moore said she was honoured to be elected to the role and was looking forward to continuing to work hard for the community. "I was first elected to Council in 1999 and served as mayor from 2008 to 2012, but it is really special to be elected by the people I

represent in a popular vote," she said. "I intend to repay their faith in me with a lot of hard work and by working with my colleagues on Council and Council staff to achieve the best outcomes for the people of the Singleton local government area." General Manager Jason Linnane said Mayor Moore had a wealth of experience as an elected representative in local government both as a previous mayor and long-time councillor. "I am pleased to congratulate Mayor Moore on her election," he said. "Mayor Moore is no stranger to the role and after making history as Singleton's first female mayor, has now become the

first woman to be popularly elected. "She will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the mayoral chair in this next term of Council, and I look forward to a productive working relationship between the new elected Council and Council staff. The new-look Singleton Council has three new faces to take up their seats in the chamber for the next four-year term. Sarah Lukeman, Tony Jarrett and Sue George will join returning councillors Godfrey Adamthwaite, Hollee Jenkins, Tony McNamara, Val Scott and Danny Thompson. Former mayor John Martin will also serve as a

councillor. Councillors from the previous term Tessa Capsanis, Bob Keown and Ruth Rogers did not re-contest their positions. For the first time under new legislation, the nine elected councillors will join Mayor Sue Moore to take an oath or affirmation of office at their first meeting on Monday, 26 September 2016. Singleton Council General Manager Jason Linnane was among the first to offer his congratulations to the new term of Council.

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### SECTION 101 NOTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979, APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

The public are hereby notified pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended) that the following applications have been granted consent during the period from 25 July 2016 to 31 August 2016.

Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
BRANXTON	008/2016/00000413/001	29-Aug-2016	18 Fleet ST	Shed
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000443/001	15-Aug-2016	8 Wyndham ST	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000498/001	25-Aug-2016	15 Church ST	Three Lot Strata Subdivision
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000482/001	26-Aug-2016	7 Spring ST	Garage and carport
GRETA	008/2016/00000351/001	25-Jul-2016	66 High ST	Subdivision (Strata)
GRETA	008/2016/00000217/001	8-Aug-2016	55 Wyndham ST	Two (2) Lot Subdivision and Child Care Centre
GRETA	008/2016/00000434/001	12-Aug-2016	67 York ST	Shed
GRETA	008/2016/00000292/001	16-Aug-2016	28 Evans ST	Additions and Alterations and Strata Subdivision
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000450/001	3-Aug-2016	18 Ainsworth CR	Swimming Pool - Inground
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000425/001	5-Aug-2016	36 Triton BLVD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000455/001	5-Aug-2016	20 Dunnett AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000475/001	5-Aug-2016	3 Haverty AV	Single Storey Dwelling
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000444/001	19-Aug-2016	13 Olivia PL	Carport
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000504/001	30-Aug-2016	89 Triton BLVD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000505/001	30-Aug-2016	97 Triton BLVD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000129/001	1-Aug-2016	LOT 190 DP 755252 Marrowbone RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000418/001	3-Aug-2016	29 Mahogany PRIV	Two Storey Dwelling and Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000426/001	11-Aug-2016	15 Paperbark DR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000432/001	15-Aug-2016	33 Verdale PRIV	Swimming Pool & Associated Safety Barriers
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000255/001	17-Aug-2016	270 Palmers LANE	Staged Development: Stage 1: Six (6) Tourist Accommodation Buildings containing eight (8) Tourist Accommodation Units and ancillary recreation facilities (tennis court, rotunda and BBQ), landscaping, access road and car parking; Stage 2: One (1) Tourist Accommodation Building containing four (4) Tourist Accommodation Units, Revegetation Works and ancillary swimming pool, change room and gym, and Stage 3: Cellar door, function centre and ancillary car parking and landscaping
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000439/001	18-Aug-2016	3 Lomandra LANE	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000458/001	19-Aug-2016	3 Peppertree DR	Swimming Pool & Associated Safety Barriers
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000399/001	22-Aug-2016	64 Marrowbone RD	Alterations and Additions to Dwelling including Conversion of Garage and Construction of Carport
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000470/001	24-Aug-2016	25 Paperbark DR	Dwelling with Attached Garage and Inground Swimming Pool

Copies of development consents are available at Council's Customer Service Centre for public inspection, free of charge, during the Council's ordinary office hours

P O BOX 152  
CESSNOCK

Stephen Glen  
General Manager

### LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2016

#### Administration Office

Closed Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 3 October 2016.

#### Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries will be closed on Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 3 October 2016.

#### Cessnock Performing Arts Centre

Closed Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 3 October 2016. On-line ticket sales as normal.

#### Cessnock and Branxton Swimming Pools

Open Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 3 October 2016 - 7.00am - 6.00pm.

#### Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre

Open Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 3 October 2016 - 10.00am to 4.00pm.

#### Waste and Reuse Centre

Open as normal 8.45am to 4.30pm.

#### Greta Transfer Station

Saturday 1 October - 8:00am to 12 noon, Sunday 2 October - 1.00pm to 5.00pm & Monday 3 October 2016 - 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

#### Waste and Recycling Collection

COLLECTION AS NORMAL.

#### Hunter Valley Visitors Centre

Open 9:00am to 5:00pm Saturday 1 October & Sunday 2 & Monday 3 October 9.00am to 4.00pm.

#### Ranger Services

A Council Ranger will be on-call for the Long Weekend period, normal services will return on Tuesday 4 October 2016. In an Emergency please call the Police.

#### Cessnock Airport

For urgent enquiries contact 0401 107 557.

**(EMERGENCY PHONE NO. 4918 1753)**

### NOTICE OF SECTION 355 COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, that the following public meetings for Council's s355 Volunteer Committees will be held on the following dates at the venues listed below, for the purposes of re-electing members to each of the following s355 Volunteer Committees.

Committee	Venue of Meeting	Time & Date of Meeting
Abermain Plaza Hall	Abermain Plaza Hall, 3 Bathurst St, Abermain	Thursday 13 October at 10.00am
Abermain School of Arts	Abermain Plaza Hall, 3 Bathurst St, Abermain	Thursday 13 October at 10.30am
Bellbird Community Hall	Bellbird Community Hall, Wollombi Rd, Bellbird	Tuesday 27 September at 10.00am
Branxton Community Hall	Branxton Community Hall, 35 Bowen Street, Branxton	Wednesday 19 October at 4.00pm
Ellalong Community Hall	Ellalong Community Hall, 39 Olney Street, Ellalong	Wednesday 5 October at 10.00am
Greta Arts and Sports Centre, Former Council Chambers & Courthouse	Greta Arts & Sports Centre, 1 Water Street, Greta	Saturday 15 October at 10.00am
Kearsley Community Hall	Kearsley Community Hall, 22 Allandale St, Kearsley	Thursday 22 September at 5.00pm
Kurri Kurri Senior Citizens Hall	Kurri Kurri Senior Citizens Hall, 132 Barton Street, Kurri Kurri	Monday 10 October at 11.00am
Laguna Community Hall	Laguna Community Hall, 3734 Great North Road, Laguna	Wednesday 2 November at 4.00pm
Millfield Community Hall	Millfield Community Hall, Crawford Ave, Millfield	Wednesday 19 October at 7.00pm
Mulbring Tennis Courts	Mulbring Tennis Courts, Mulbring	Monday 10 October at 7.00pm
North Cessnock Community Hall	North Cessnock Community Hall, Church Street, Cessnock	Thursday 22 September at 10.00am
Pokolbin Community Hall	Pokolbin Community Hall, McDonalds Rd, Pokolbin	Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm
Weston Civic Centre	Private Residence, 18 Second St, Weston	Monday 26 September at 11.00am
Wollombi Community Hall	Wollombi Community Hall, 2895 Wollombi Road, Wollombi	Tuesday 18 October at 2.30pm

Enquiries should be directed to the Community Services Administration team on 4993 4220

# Labor & Bob Pynsent back in Cessnock & Sue Moore new mayor in Singleton



“The previous Council had plenty of runs on the board in terms of outcomes for the community and I have no doubt we’ll continue to see results for the people of Singleton over the next four years,” he said. “I’m confident the stable and productive political representation that has been established at the local level in Singleton will continue into the next term under the leadership of new Mayor Sue Moore. “I’m very much looking forward to a positive working relationship between the Council and Council staff to deliver the services and infrastructure that make Singleton not

only one of the best places to live and do business in the Hunter Valley, but NSW and beyond.” The councillors-elect for Cessnock are as follows: Mayor: Bob Pynsent (Labor) Ward A: Mark Lyons (Labor), Paul Dunn (Liberal), Allan Stapleford (Independent) Ward B: Jay Suvaal (Labor), Di Fitzgibbon (Labor), Ian Olsen (Independent) Ward C: Melanie Dagg (Labor), Anne Sander (Labor), John Fagg (Liberal) Ward D: Darrin Gray (Labor), Anthony Burke (Labor), Rod Doherty

(Liberal). ‘Greens’ mayoral candidate, James Ryan, stood only for mayor & as a result of losing the mayoral election will no longer be part of the new council. Local Councillor Melanie Dagg, who was number one on the Ward C ALP ‘How to Vote’, said she is very pleased to have gained a seat & that she looks forward to the challenges ahead. “First & foremost I am representing my constituents & they will always come first,” she said.

■ Photo above: newly re-elected Cessnock Mayor Bob Pynsent

Summary of First Preference Votes CESSNOCK			
Candidate	Party/IND	FP Votes	% Formal Votes
RYAN James	GRN	2,753	8.97%
DOHERTY Rod	LIB	5,932	19.33%
PYNSENT Bob	CLP	13,937	45.42%
HARVEY John	IND	4,621	15.06%
OLSEN Ian	IND	3,442	11.22%
<b>Total Formal Votes Counted</b>		<b>30,685</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Informal/Other Votes</b>		<b>1,412</b>	<b>4.40%</b>
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>32,097</b>	

Summary of First Preference Votes SINGLETON			
Candidate	Party/IND	FP Votes	% Formal Votes
McNAMARA Tony	IND	3,427	27.48%
MOORE Sue	IND	4,721	37.86%
MARTIN John		4,322	34.66%
<b>Total Formal Votes Counted</b>		<b>12,470</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Informal/Other Votes</b>		<b>564</b>	<b>4.33%</b>
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>13,034</b>	

## Local plumbing business donates \$1000 to local Mens Shed

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September Olivia & Kaylee Ayscough proudly presented a cheque for \$1000.00 from Branxton Plumbing to the Branxton Greta Men’s Shed. The money was accepted by Kevin Bell on behalf of the Men’s Shed. “On behalf of the Branxton Greta Mens Shed & its members I thank Branxton Plumbing for their generosity & support. The money very welcome & will be put to good use,” said Kevin.



■ Photo at right: shows L-R Kaylee Ayscough, Olivia Ayscough & Kevin Bell.

## Warm Milk

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The Nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior’s bed, they held the glass to her lips. The frail Nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader. “Mother,” the nuns asked earnestly, “Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us” She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said: “DON’T SELL THAT COW.”



## New Vine Vineyards Baptist Church

*Want to know more about God?  
Looking for something for your kids to do?  
Finding life challenging?*

New Vine Vineyards is a new church and we would love you to join with us as we support each other and love our community. We plan to run youth groups, train kids to be leaders, support families to maintain healthy relationships and encourage local businesses.

**We meet on Tuesday evenings, 6pm, at Potters Brewery. For more information call Amanda M: 0408 173 510**



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### MAINCOURSES

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- Chicken, mushroom & asparagus risotto
- House made Highland beef burger on a brioche bun with cheddar cheese, chilli jam, rocket & fries
- Pan fried red emperor, burnt lemon caper butter, almonds & green beans

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- Rocket & parmesan salad
- Green beans

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# What's Happening & other matters

scholars in learning about respecting and caring for the school environment both inside and outside our school fences", Mrs Eather said. If you don't have a poop pouch you can drop in and pick up one up free from Cessnock City

with **Mike Lowing**

While taking my daily constitutional last Saturday I unfortunately stepped on a pile of doggy poo.... very annoying to say the least. Anyway I got to work Monday & what do I receive from Cessnock City Council .... the following:-  
New signs have been introduced near Kurri Kurri Public School and Cessnock City Council rangers will be patrolling the area to make sure pet owners are picking up after their dogs.

Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said if you are walking your dog there are a few very important things to remember when in a public space.

"Before you leave for a walk, check you have a poop pouch and bags with you so you can take care of any mess your dog leaves behind".

"Our whole community should be able to enjoy our parks and walkways free from pet droppings, especially around schools where young children are playing and walking", Cr Pynsent said.

Principal Kurri Kurri Public School, Mrs Eve Eather said our Kurri Kurri Public School mission statement is, 'Learning Caring and Respect for All'.

"This great Cessnock City Council signage initiative will assist our Kurri Kurri community to support our

Council. Well done Cessnock Council!

Local thespian, piano player, horse trainer and all-round good guy Phil Aughey came to see me last week with a good suggestion for our paper. He said he's always amazed, when he reads the paper, at the number of local citizens & local organisations reported who do different good things for the community.

He then suggested that those good deeds be recognised in our paper; I did agree with him so I have inaugurated the 'Local Hero Monthly Award'.

Phil & I also agreed that we should go back a couple of months to kick start the Awards so I will start in **July 2016** with The IGA Community Chest donations; **August 2016** is the North Rothbury Rural Fire Service for their organising the Better Homes & Gardens team to build the garden & memorial for 'Sando' (don't forget it goes to air at 7pm on October 21st) & **September 2016** the Greta to Bourke Hay Run. Now these were determined by Phil & I but in the future if you think there is something that may not be reported & deserving of consideration please let me know.

As I mentioned in a previous issue we have stopped doing home delivery in Branxton &

Greta & have bulk distribution points in both hamlets.

In Branxton we have our office at 12 Clift Street, the Branxton Newsagency, The Crib Box Cafe, The IGA Supermarket & Branxton Pharmacy.

In Greta we have The Greta Newsagency, Baileys of Greta, The Greta Workers Club, The Servo between Greta & Branxton, Micks Shop & Bran on the hill & The Greta Bakery.

Also, we have also lost our deliverer to Lower Belford so we will be leaving papers at Kirkton School & the Singleton Newsagency. We have also expanded the our distribution in the Cessnock area with all servos from the pool to Bellbird getting copies. Also the Wine Interpretive Centre at the airport, the cafe/newsagent near McDonalds & the servo

near Allandale Nursing home. There are also the servos in Rutherford who now get copies each issue.

I would like to thank those that are allowing the paper to be distributed from their businesses ... thank you so much. When it was decided to do this I said at the time that if there is anyone in the community through ill health or other who would like the paper delivered we will do that; just give us a call on 4938 1773.

The police report we are publishing comes from the Muswellbrook Local Area Command & we thank them for including The News in their distribution. I have just received another which is too late to include in this edition. Again with this recent report there is very little to report.

It appears that Singleton & Muswellbrook appear to take most of the police resources in this LAC. For example the report just received is about 5 pages long with just one incident locally; a young fellow pulled over to discover his licence had been suspended for a fine default. Not exactly riveting news! It would be nice to have a presence at the Branxton Police Station even if it was limited.

Cheers, Mike



What goes on at my child's preschool and why? Do you know what to know what to expect for your child out of preschool?

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Greta Community Preschool would like to present Ian Alachin to answer all your questions

Ian Alachin from CESA will be presenting an information night on some commonly asked questions. Ian has over 20 years' experience in children's services working as a teacher, director and executive director and was the services development manager at CESA. Ian will help us understand why there has been many changes in the way preschools now deliver their program. This includes how a play based program gets your child ready for school and why this shift has happened. Play is important businesses for children!



Key topics include

How a play based program prepares children for school.

What does school readiness look like?

Why stencils are now discouraged

The importance of risky play

**GRETA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL**  
6pm Wednesday 19th October  
1 Water Street Greta  
Please contact Nicole on 0249197272



Worldskills Australia **Worldskills Australia** is a not-for-profit organisation developed to promote the standards and status of vocational training and job skills. Over the past year Regional Worldskills Competitions have been held in 29 regions throughout Australia. Competitions gave approximately 5,000

competitors the opportunity to compete against their peers in a Worldskills Challenge. The next step in the Challenge is the National Competition to be held in Melbourne from 6-8 October 2016 where 50 trade and skill categories will be on display. From there, Gold medal winners may be offered the opportunity to compete in the international competition to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2017. The National Competition site is open to the general

public where young and old alike can witness the skill and expertise of these wonderful young champions. Also a Try a Skill stand and information booth will be available at every category area for the general public to have a go and obtain information on individual trades and vocational areas. To be able to compete in these competitions, competitors are expected to supply their own tools and pay their own travel and accommodation expenses.

This amounts to around \$2000.00. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contribute in any way to Matthew Brandt quest to develop the highest possible standard in Autobody Repair. Please note, contributions to Worldskills are tax deductible. All cheques to be addressed to: Worldskills Australia – Hunter Region.

A receipt will be issued immediately on receipt of the cheque. For Direct banking please include company/business name and 'Hunter' in the reference field. Name of Bank: Westpac

Account Name: WorldSkills Australia  
BSB: 033-152  
Account Number: 28-6950  
Thank you and should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at any time!

Ian Vickery, TAFE NSW Worldskills, Hunter Institute Coordinator. Phone: 0467 819 485



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# Members say ....



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

## Raising the BARR DRIVERLESS CARS – WINNERS AND LOSERS

I can't tell you how excited I am by driverless cars. Imagine being able to climb into the car at home, head off to work and read a book, do some work on the computer or even have a sleep while the car takes you there. How good would that be! This is not even to mention the fact that there would be no fines for speeding, no crashes on the road, no road rage and all other manner of road problems. Our Police would be freed up to do other work, our ambulances and hospital emergency wards would see a rapid decline in their workload and agencies that offer rehabilitation for road accident victims could just about shut their doors. Overall, our society will be more healthy and free of road accident based injuries. Woohoo!

But on the downside, tens of thousands of driving jobs will disappear from here in NSW. Trucks will take themselves automatically from A to B. Taxis will arrive at your door without a driver and take you wherever you want to go. Tow truck and smash repair businesses will become obsolete. I am confident that my children's children won't need to learn to drive, won't need a driver's licence and all of the jobs that go along with that, including driving instructor jobs, will be gone. Delivery vans will arrive at your door without a driver and mining trucks will move the rocks without a person in the cabin.

I hear you saying "that's pie in the sky" and "this is all years away". Well, right now, in Pittsburgh USA, they are trialling driverless taxis. You don't actually call the cab. Instead you plug into your smartphone your pick-up and drop-off details. It turns up, there is no driver, and it takes you, without a driver, to your destination. You get out. Your credit card is charged the fee. The cab moves on to the next job. That's happening right now. Today, there is an almost identical experiment in a Singapore Business Park. In the Silicon Valley this has all been happening for years. I am predicting that in the coming 5-10 years we will see cars driving themselves along main highways, like the M1, albeit with a person sitting in the driver's seat and the car still having a steering wheel. The difference will be, the person in the driver's seat might be reading a book or taking a nap – ready to re-take control once the highway is exited.

### Local Elections – My Prediction was Wrong

When you're wrong, you are wrong. Own up to it. I am about to. Over the past 6 months I have publicly said that I thought it "impossible" that the September 2016 Local Councils Elections would go ahead. I just couldn't imagine, in my own mind, the idea that half of the state would vote for local Councils and half wouldn't. But, as you all know, over these past few weeks we have had a local Council election campaign and voting. I got it wrong. Mind you, the logic in my head still screams "madness!" at me, but what is done is done.

On that note I want to thank and congratulate the Councillors from the past 4 years. They have steadied the ship. When I arrived as local State Member in March 2011, at least half of the community complaints that walked in my office door, every day, were local council issues – over which I have no control, power or authority. That continued up until late 2012/early 2013. Sometime in 2013 these complaints slowed down and then eventually became a trickle. I have no doubt that the steady hand of the 12 elected Councillors and Mayor Pynsent were the silent force behind the broader

satisfaction of the community. Well done to all 13 Councillors of that time. And good luck to the incoming Councillors.

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For enquiries regarding the State Government or its departments, or to put you in contact with someone who can, please contact my office. My office can be contacted by phoning 4991-1466, by email to [cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or call into 118 Vincent Street (PO Box 242), Cessnock 2325. You also follow me on my Facebook page "[www.facebook.com/claytonbarrmp](http://www.facebook.com/claytonbarrmp)", go to Twitter and search @claytonbarrmp or check out my website at [www.claytonbarr.com.au](http://www.claytonbarr.com.au) Cheers Clayton



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These partnerships will also help build new incubators and adapt existing facilities so businesses and the local community can network, access information and share ideas in a collaborative environment. Partners delivering business innovation through the Boost Program:

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### COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO WILD DOG CONTROL

Local Land Services will partner with nearly 2000 landholders as part of its annual spring wild dog baiting program. Neighbouring landholders in 123 wild dog control groups across the state will take part in ground and aerial baiting programs.

Ground baits will be laid across more than 10 million hectares of land, while 2,500 km of aerial bait lines will be distributed in the Western, Hunter and South East regions.

The NSW Government is serious about minimising the impacts of wild dogs on agricultural productivity so this spring

we will see a 50 per cent increase in the number of landholders involved in baiting programs, compared to 2015.

Local Land Services will also conduct a pig collaring and tracking program in collaboration with Queensland Government agencies in the Northern Tablelands and drones will be used in reconnaissance trials in the Hunter Valley.

### CALLING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE NSW CARERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

I encourage local Upper Hunter carers to apply for a position on the NSW Carers Advisory Council. The NSW Carers Advisory Council advances the interests of carers and provides advice to the NSW Government. The Council meets a minimum of three times a year in Sydney. Members may also contribute time to working groups and attend other events and consultations.

Unpaid carers provide ongoing unpaid support to people who need it because of their disability, chronic illness, mental ill-health, dementia or frail age. It is estimated it would cost over \$40 billion to replace the hours of care provided by unpaid carers in Australia.

Carers in Upper Hunter give so much help to loved ones to live more independent and fulfilling lives. The NSW Carers Advisory Council provides a strong voice to the more than 857,000 unpaid carers right across NSW.

These four Council vacancies are an opportunity for someone with relevant experience to advocate for and speak on behalf of other carers. Carers from rural and regional areas are particularly encouraged to apply. For information about the NSW Carers Advisory Council and how to apply, please visit [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/carers/nsw\\_carers\\_advisory\\_council](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/carers/nsw_carers_advisory_council) or contact the Council's Secretariat on phone (02) 8753 9380 or email [NSWCarersAdvisoryCouncilSecretariat@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSWCarersAdvisoryCouncilSecretariat@facs.nsw.gov.au).

Applications close at 5pm on 7 October 2016.

For more information about the NSW Carers Strategy, visit [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/carers/nsw\\_carers\\_strategy](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/carers/nsw_carers_strategy)

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON REVENGE PORN OFFENCE

In the rapidly evolving cyber age it is important that our Upper Hunter Electorate community have a say on the NSW Government's plans to criminalise "revenge porn", which is the distribution of intimate or sexually explicit images without consent. This may not seem important, but with the ever increasing use of smart-phones by consumers, it is important that community expectations and the law remain consistent.

When intimate images are shared without consent the social and emotional impact on victims can be devastating. We are seeking input from the community to help establish a 21<sup>st</sup> Century punishment for this 21<sup>st</sup> Century crime.

The NSW Government is currently considering possible criminal measures to adequately address this concerning and harmful behaviour, and we need community input on how to protect victims. The community will be consulted on a range of issues, including:

- the definition of "intimate" images and definition of "consent"
- how images are shared or distributed
- how to assess intent or motivation
- what penalties should apply, and

how the offence should apply to children and young people.

The decision is part of the Government's response to the Legislative Council Committee on Law and Justice report on remedies for serious invasions of privacy, which was tabled earlier this month.

The NSW Government invites interested individuals and organisations to respond to the issues raised in the discussion paper by 21 October 2016. Copies are available at <http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au>. Submissions should be sent to: Justice Strategy and Policy, NSW Department of Justice, GPO Box 6, Sydney NSW 2001, or [policy@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:policy@justice.nsw.gov.au) by 21 October 2016.

**Contact:** My Email address; [upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au), phone numbers; 6543 1065, Fax 6543 1416; postal address P.O. Box 493, Muswellbrook 2333.

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**Break, Enter and Steal/Broke:**

Between 18:00 on Saturday 03 September 2016 and 09:40 on Sunday 04 September 2016 Unknown persons has entered 2x Shipping containers by cutting the padlocks to the ground floor front door of the containers situated at location being Broke Rd, Broke.

Offenders has stolen an Air Compressor out of 1 Shipping container, the 2nd Shipping container was entered, offenders rummaged around person reporting is not sure what has been stolen out of that shipping container until contractors arrive.

**Break, Enter and Steal/Broke:**

Between 04:00 and 04:45 on Friday 02 September 2016 2 male offenders broke into 5 shipping containers at the stated location being Broke Rd, Broke.

Once inside the offenders have moved property around and have gone through cup-

boards inside the shipping containers. At the time of the call it was not known if any property had been stolen. Both break and enters at Broke currently being investigated by Police.

**Steal from Person/ Singleton:**

Between 08:15 and 08:35 on Tuesday 06 September 2016.

Person/s unknown have stolen a handbag and contents that included a wallet and contents and a birth certificate from a shopping trolley at the stated location being Gowrie st Mall, Singleton using unknown means. The handbag was in the trolley while victim was loading shopping into the back of her car at the stated location. Victim remembers several people walking past during the time frame but didn't see anyone actually take the handbag.

**(Reminder for all persons to ensure their handbag is kept in a safe place and not left in the shopping trolley) RBT/Singleton:**

Location : Kelso Street Singleton, near int Orchard



Ave Singleton  
POI : Male, aged 26 from Singleton  
Licence suspended from 09/06/2016  
MVOI : Blue Nissan Navara Utility  
On Monday 5 September 2016 about 5:15pm Nissan Navara Utility was driven west along Kelso Street Singleton, when the vehicle was stopped for a Random Breath Test.  
An inspection of the drivers vehicle revealed no p plates displayed as per his licence condition and the front drivers side tyre was defective.  
Checks on the accused's drivers licence revealed that his New South Wales drivers

licence was Suspended for the non payment of fines on 9 June 2016. These checks also revealed that the accused was charged for the offence on 3 August 2016, and is to appear before Singleton Local Court on 15 September 2016.  
The accused was served with Field Court Attendance Notice for Drive whilst licence suspended offence, and is to appear before Singleton Local Court on 13 October 2016.  
The accused was also served with Penalty Notices for the offences relating to his licence address and the defective tyre.



**Homestyle Baked Beans Recipe**

Serves: 4 | Preparation time: 5 minutes | Cooking time: 20 minutes

**Ingredients**  
Olive or canola oil spray, 1 medium brown onion, peeled and diced, 2 cloves garlic, crushed., 1 tbs no-added-salt tomato paste, 1 tsp smoked paprika, 400 g can no-added-salt diced tomatoes, 1 tbs salt-reduced tomato sauce, 1 tbs Worcestershire sauce, 420 g can no-added-salt cannellini or butter beans, drained and rinsed, 3 tbs parsley, finely chopped  
4 slices wholegrain bread, toasted., Freshly ground or cracked black pepper, to

**taste Method**

1. Spray oil in a medium saucepan and cook onion and garlic over medium heat until softened.
2. Add the tomato paste and smoked paprika. Stir through and cook for 1 minute.
3. Add the can of tomatoes, including juice, tomato sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well and bring to the boil.
4. Reduce the heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes until slightly thickened.
5. Add in the cannellini beans and stir until heated through.
6. Remove from heat, mix in the parsley, pepper and serve on toast.

**Variations ~ Add 1 thinly sliced fresh long red chilli to the onion for a spicy light lunch/Replace cannellini beans with canned no-added-salt haricot, butter, borlotti or red kidney beans.**

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Lee Grundy, Pharmacist & proprietor of Branxton Pharmacy

When this happens, your gums may appear red, swollen, feel extra sensitive, and bleed easily. Fortunately, gingivitis doesn't lead to a loss of the bone and tissue that hold your teeth in place and can be reversed with twice daily brushing and flossing, as well as regular professional cleaning by your dentist or dental hygienist. Ignoring the bleeding

Hormonal fluctuations such as those experienced during puberty, pregnancy, menstruation and menopause.

Think about to how you brush your teeth, beyond squirting on some toothpaste, and scrubbing back and forth. As your dentist will tell you, how you brush your teeth matters a great deal. That's because brushing plays a critical role in

removing the plaque that can cause tooth decay and gum disease. You've probably heard that message a thousand times but there's a good

**Oral Health**



Bleeding is usually a sign that something untoward has happened to your body, yet many people think that it's perfectly normal for their gums to bleed when they brush or floss. But, of course, it's not; bleeding gums are a sign that your gums are inflamed due to disease-causing bacteria. Ignoring bleeding which results from brushing and flossing means you stand a real risk of developing a serious form of gum disease. The two main stages of gum disease are gingivitis and periodontitis. This early form of gum disease occurs when dental plaque, the bacterial film that covers the surfaces of your mouth, builds up on your teeth, particularly where the gum and tooth meet.

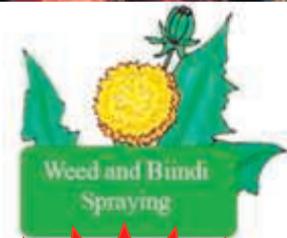
caused by gingivitis could lead to a more serious form of periodontitis. The reason this disease is so serious is that it causes your gums to pull away from your teeth, forming spaces (known as "pockets") that can easily become infected. Naturally your body's immune system fights the infection, but this response and the bacterial toxins generated by the infection combine to create a toxic brew that breaks down the bone and tissue that hold your teeth in place and, in severe cases, can lead to their removal. In addition to plaque, which is largely responsible for the development of gum disease, the health of your gums can also be affected by:  
Smoking and tobacco use, Genetic predisposition, Systemic diseases like diabetes and arthritis, Stress and poor nutrition,

chance you're not brushing correctly or as frequently as you should. How often you brush, how long you brush for, the kind of technique and toothbrush you use all have a major impact on the effectiveness of your brushing. For instance, did you know that you should be brushing for a minimum of two minutes, twice a day? Most people don't come close to brushing for that long and often brush their teeth quickly and distractedly, in the middle of many other pressing tasks. Your local pharmacy can help too. One of the key aspects to maintaining oral care is hygiene management. Pharmacies also offer services which can help people living with dental and oral hygiene issues.  
Cheers, Lee



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# Greta to Bourke 'Hay Run' a success

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John, with ample feed on his property & not able to sell the hay decided that he could donate it to drought affected deserving graziers. (Keep in mind he could have easily stored the hay for his own use down the track).

So, plan hatched & with the hay was dropped off at a depot in Bourke for future use for when it dries up which of course it will do. The gesture, valued at around \$7000, had a nice surprise when they arrived to find that a generous soul had donated the cost of fuel used there and home. "The trip was a lot slower



■ Above: Peter Bennett (left) & Graham Duncan at Bourke. You'll notice it was very wet!

than expected as it had been raining continuously for some time & the roads were not the best in some

places," said Graham Duncan. "We did manage to make the trip enjoyable with

some 'R & R' at the other end." Well done to all of you!



■ Above: all there!



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This book on golf gives the reader valuable playing tips and insider information that I have gained through my 45+ years of golfing experience. Highlights include:  
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### Property market increase

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) says that property prices increased in the June quarter with the weighted average median prices rising 2.1% for houses and 0.4% for other dwellings. According to the latest REIA Real Estate Market Facts publication, the weighted average median

price approached the \$700,000 mark for houses and was around \$545,000 for other dwellings. The REIA President Neville Sanders said: "The majority of the capital cities recorded increases in the second quarter of the year. Perth was the only capital city where the median price fell for both houses and other dwellings due to slowing population growth and decreasing activity market. "Adelaide had relatively

strong growth over the quarter. Sydney remained the capital city with the highest median property prices with the figure for houses sitting 46.5% above the national average." Compared to the same time last year, the weighted average median price increased by 2.1% for houses and by 0.8% for other dwellings. Neville added: "On the rental market over the quarter, median rents decreased in the majority of the capital cities with Canberra having no change in the median three bedroom house across the capital cities. "With Perth and Darwin having the highest vacancy rates, median rents in these cities fell markedly compared to twelve months ago. Rental markets in Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart appear to be balanced based on their vacancy rates at around the industry benchmark of 3%. "The figures during the June quarter show that owner occupiers continued to have a strong presence in the stabilising market and with a modest decline in investor activity.

**RBA leaves interest rates steady**

The Reserve Bank of Australia has kept interest rates on hold at 1.50 per cent at its September board meeting. REINSW Deputy President Brett Hunter said the RBA has taken a wait and see approach following an interest rate cut in August. He said: "The RBA has cut interest rates twice in 2016 and we are seeing more stock enter the market place as the weather warms up. "September is traditionally a strong month for the real estate market and we anticipate that 2016 will be no different."



The official cash rate has fallen 325 basis points since the downward trend commenced in November 2011. The RBA will next meet on Tuesday, 4 October 2016

### NSW commercial construction strong

Commercial construction in NSW is in a strong position, but across Australia more generally it continues to underwhelm according to Deloitte. The Deloitte Access Economics' Investment Monitor reported that the NSW Government is committing to numerous commercial projects. The report added: "Commercial construction in NSW is in a relatively strong position and the State Government has made a number of commitments for hospitals and schools that are now under construction." Sydney currently has a number of large scale projects underway and in the pipeline. This includes the \$6 billion Barangaroo development which is the largest commercial construction project in Australia by a long margin, and will keep contractors busy until 2020. A \$1.7 billion redevelopment of Wynyard Station in Sydney's CBD have also received approval. A number of projects already completed include the \$1.1 billion second stage of the Royal North Shore hospital upgrade and a 37-storey office tower at 200 George Street. However, the report says commercial construction in Australia is not performing that well overall. It put this down to the lift in the Australian dollar and businesses with ties in China choosing not to invest further. It added: "The value of commercial construction projects in the pipeline has grown at a healthy rate, but the fall in the value of mining projects over the last year alone is around half the size of the entire commercial construction investment pipeline."

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The report added that other factors which weighed negatively on private sector investment decisions were:

- Global uncertainty on the rise. The risk of a big shock from China, combined with heightened volatility in the European Union is making businesses nervous
- The return on investment on large infrastructure projects generally extends over a long period of time. Uncertainty is reflected in investment decisions by raising risk premiums, which depresses future expected real returns on investments
- With returns low, businesses are often better off paying down debt or returning excess capital to shareholders

### Crowdfunding commercial property

Commercial property syndicates are on the rise to help investors overcome the financial barrier, according to Gunning Principal Malcolm Gunning. He said: "Groups of individuals, generally families of up to 10 members, are pooling their resources to purchase properties in strategically located pockets across Sydney.

"By pooling their resources, these groups are able to make purchases of higher yielding commercial and retail properties in well serviced transport precincts within 20km of the city." He added: "Ultimately, the feasibility of syndicate investment is being realised due to the trend of banks loosening their lending requirements on retail, industrial and commercial property. "Those involved in these types of transactions are no first time investors and are able to access commercial terms via low loan to value ratios. As such, commercial lenders are open for business to these buying syndicates." Changes to zoning regulations are also helping to increase the value proposition of some commercial properties, Malcolm says, with some areas changing from medium to high density. Malcolm explained: "In some cases residential dwellings can be split off or built out from the existing commercial premise allowing the remaining commercial property to be used for subsequent leasing or to be sold. "This drastically pays down any debt on the original purchase and leaves a generally high yielding commercial or retail tenancy." Malcolm said he expected the syndicate trend to continue for the remainder of 2016 and into 2017.

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coming weeks. As the preschool gardens continue to grow the Educators and children have planned a number of cooking experiences exploring and eating their own produce. They have made Vegetable Hokkien Noodle stir fry and a healthy garlic and herb dip. The children enjoyed tasting these healthy recipes and loved the fact the items from our garden made these recipes. If you wish to know more about our Preschool please do not hesitate to contact us on Ph: 49381990.



We have been very busy this last month with a number of parent information nights being conducted. Anne and Muz had a successful workshop for parents on readiness for school. And we also had one of our parents, who is a clinical psychologist, conduct a parent workshop on RESILIENCE. These nights were very well received by our families and other members within

the community. We hope to conduct some more workshops throughout the year to support parents and children in our community. The preschool had a visit from MS Dental this month as well. The ladies came in to talk to the children about dental hygiene, the importance of looking after your teeth and what to expect when you visit the dentist. This program is a great community initiative.

to families in an attempt to save for their wish list items. This is a great way for the children to learn the value of money, save for a goal and ultimately care for their preschool environment. Thank you to all those families who have been donating plants and pots for the children to get this project off the ground. So far they have raised \$470 and are hoping to buy some balance bikes and helmets in the



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Subject: Murder at Coles - *Tired of constantly being broke and stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary and then arranging to have her killed. A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$10,000. The husband said he was willing to pay that amount but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar coin that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes and reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed. A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Coles supermarket. There, he surprised her in the produce department and proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath and slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well. However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras and observed by the shop's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could even leave the premises. Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested. The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared... 'ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 @ Coles*



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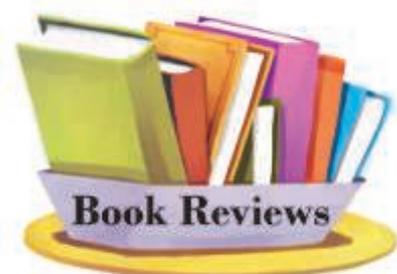
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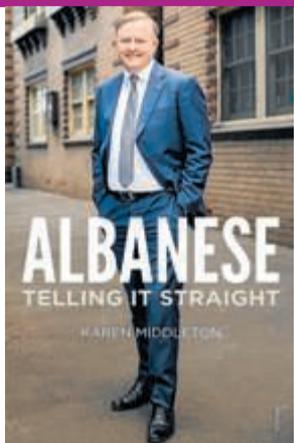
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# Albanese Telling it Straight

By: Karen Middleton



**Précis**  
The moving personal story behind the very public

political face of Labor's Anthony Albanese, written with the cooperation of Albo. As much a window on the recent turbulent years of politics from the man who was often in the middle of the room where everything was happening, and who became the Deputy

Prime Minister as a heart-breaking personal story of family and belonging. Anthony Albanese (Albo) was brought up by a fiercely protective mother, Maryanne, whom he adored. Like any loving mother, she was driven to help her son to succeed, to put her life on hold and sacrifice everything she had to support him and help him become the very best version of himself he could be.

Her belief in him was absolute, and she played the part of both mother and

father to him. Until he was 14 years old Anthony believed that his father had married his mother, but had died in an accident before he was born. At the age of 14 she finally sat him down and told him the truth ... This is a moving story of a politician who really believes. It is the story not only of the tough game of politics from an insider who lives it, but also of family secrets and a mother's sacrifices for her son.

Labor front-bencher Anthony Albanese has opened up about the experience of finding his absent father, saying locating him in Italy was "a moment I will never forget". Albanese has shared his family story in a new biography written by the Canberra-based political journalist Karen Middleton, revealing he located his father in Italy with the help of intermediaries after the death of his mother, Mary. The Sydney MP grew up with his mother after Carlo Albanese returned to Italy after a romance in 1962. Albanese grew up thinking his father

had married his mother but had died in a car accident before he was born. He was told the truth as a teenager. Albanese told Middleton, and the ABC on Tuesday night, that he had resolved not to try to find his father while his mother was alive.

He said it had been "very traumatic" for his Catholic mother to tell him the truth about his conception, and growing up with her alone, he had felt the need to send his mother a message that she was all he needed. His position changed after his mother's death in 2002. Albanese recalled being asked by his son, Nathan, where his father was during a visit the two made to his mother's grave. "It hit me I had a responsibility to him as well ... to find out more about my father," Albanese told ABC's 7.30. The MP then asked for assistance in tracking down his father in southern Italy, including from the former Howard government minister and later ambassador to Italy, Amanda Vanstone.

Carlo Albanese was located in 2009. "It took my breath away. I didn't think it would happen," the MP said. Albanese travelled to Italy to meet his biological father. Before the meeting, Albanese described his emotional state. "I went on a walk by myself. I was very emotional. It was a big deal. It was a big moment in my life." The two men formed a relationship, and Albanese was also united with two siblings, before Carlo Albanese died of cancer in 2013. He was asked whether he thought about his mother when he was eventually reunited with his father. Albanese said his mother was very much front-of-mind, but he believed she would have understood why he felt a need to form a relationship. "While she was alive I didn't want to do a disservice to her. I didn't want her to think in any way that I needed something else. But I think she would get it," he said.

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### About the Author

Karen Middleton is a Canberra-based freelance journalist, writer and broadcaster who has covered national and international affairs for almost 30 years. Her first book, *An Unwinnable War - Australia in Afghanistan*, was published in 2011 and tells the political back story to our longest military conflict - how John Howard's presence in Washington DC on September 11, 2001, led to Australia spending the next decade at war. Karen was Chief Political Correspondent for SBS television for 10 years and before that was Political Editor for *The West Australian* and Foreign Affairs and Defence Correspondent for *The Age*. She is a regular panellist on ABC TV's *Insiders* program and on ABC radio, a commentator on Radio New Zealand and *Monocle 24* radio in the UK and currently contributes to the BBC online, the ABC's *The Drum* online and *The Australian Women's Weekly* magazine in print and online. Karen has been a past contributor to *The New York Times*, *CNBC* and *al Jazeera*. She is also an occasional lecturer at the Australian Defence Force Academy, University of New South Wales, in its Executive Education Program.

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with Jo Thomas, General Manager HVWTA

measures from the Federal Budget, Senator Anne Ruston, spent a day in Hunter Valley Wine Country over the weekend meeting numerous wine, and wine tourism related businesses.

made by Minister Ruston during the recent Federal election campaign. Mr Souris said "that the Hunter was the NSW's leading tourism destination outside of Sydney and that the interdependence of wine tourism and the health of related businesses was the

rebate that businesses can claim. It was important the Minister saw for herself the hundreds of tourists in the area over the weekend, the busy cellar doors, the accommodation and golf venues and the many tourism activities available including our fine restaurants. The whole area was, on a beautiful sunny spring day, simply brimming with tourists, weddings, holiday makers, weekender escapes etc." Mr Nappier said "the HVWTA was in deep negotiations with the NSW and Federal Associations to ensure that genuine wineries, vineyards and cellar door businesses were not excluded from the Government's measures and that there was recognition of the job impacts in tourism related businesses in the Hunter that the changes would cause".

Mr Souris and Mr Napier said "they were impressed with the Minister's understanding of the industry and her ready willingness to listen to our concerns". Before touring and meeting some 10 businesses in the Hunter, the Minister met with board members of the HVWTA (see picture). Mr Napier said "the Minister made the point that it was important that we present our views etc from one representative organisation at the region, state and Australian level. I felt she was going in to fight for us and wanted us to give her our best shot on a single Hunter regional view, facts and argument." Mr Souris said "the Hunter Valley was thankful of the Minister's visit, driving herself to and from the Hunter, and for the engagement and understanding she portrayed".



The Minister responsible for the wine industry in Australia and the implementation of Wine Equalisation Tax

Association (HVWTA) the Hon George Souris and board member Ian Napier arranged the visit, which fulfilled a commitment

paramount consideration in seeking changes to the Federal Government's intended reduction in the Wine Equalisation Tax

PHOTO at left: Pictured at the meeting from left to right Brian McGuigan, Minister Anne Ruston, John Drayton, George Souris, Bruce Tyrrell and Ian Napier.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: My Favourite Animal by Little Johnny



"Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny; but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too.. Then he told me not to do it again. The next day in class my teacher asked me what live animal was my favourite. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why: so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where the hell I am now..."

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## Thursday Night

Trivia: 7-9pm \$10 per team- cash prizes

### Badge Draw every Thursday & Friday Night

## Friday Night Raffles

7.30pm ~ Meat And Vegies



## Preliminary Finals

23rd & 24th September

\$3.60 Schooners all game

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2nd October

\$3.60 Schooners all game

\$5.00 Hamburger & Chips

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Wednesday afternoon  
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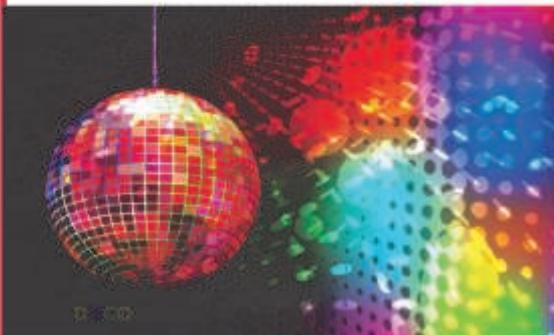
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# MOVIE REVIEW

## SULLY

### ABOUT

**SULLY.** With Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney, Mike O'Malley, Jamey Sheridan. Written by Todd Komarnicki. Directed by Clint Eastwood. Rated M for some peril and brief strong language. 95 minutes.



### FILM REVIEW

At 86, it's hard to believe that Clint Eastwood is still directing movies, but what's even more impressive is he keeps setting new challenges for himself. In his mid-70s, he made two World War II movies back-to-back, one of them in Japanese. Two years ago, he made his first adaptation of a Broadway musical and followed that up with a movie about the war in Iraq. This time out, with **SULLY**, he has shot the film in the large screen IMAX process. The story is the true life saga of Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, a veteran pilot for U.S. Airways who did something unprecedented: he landed a jet plane on the Hudson River with 155 people aboard, and they all lived to tell the tale. As Sully (Tom Hanks) tells the panel from the National Transportation Safety Board reviewing the incident, something is unprecedented until it finally happens. On January 15, 2009, he and co-pilot Jeff Skiles (Aaron Eckhart) took off from LaGuardia Airport in New York. Shortly after takeoff a flock of

birds flew right into the path of the plane, damaging both engines. In less than five minutes he decided that they could not reach nearby airports in time and that his only choice was to land in the river, in below freezing weather. The script by Todd Komarnicki uses the investigation as the narrative hook. As computer simulations demonstrate he could have made it to an airport, Sully finds himself second-guessed. Nearing the end of his flying career, a finding of negligence would rob him of his pension and destroy his new aviation-related business. In phone conversations with his wife Lorraine (Laura Linney), we learn their financial situation is precarious, this being a moment when the country seemed headed into a second Great Depression. However, we know how this story turns out. The real drama here is that of an ordinary man thrust into extraordinary circumstances and finding this his skills and lifetime of experience has prepared him to meet the challenge. Once he's safely on land and already being lauded as a hero, his first concern is that everyone on the plane be accounted for

and alive. They are, and that just adds to his heroic image. However, Sully—in a pitch-perfect performance by Hanks—doesn't feel like a hero. He's haunted by nightmares of the landing going wrong. And when strangers hug him, or offer him drinks, or invite him to be on television, he finds it hard to cope. He doesn't want to be a celebrity. As far as he was concerned, he—and everyone else involved—just did what they were supposed to do. It takes an airline official to point out that it had been quite a while since New Yorkers had news to cheer about, particularly news that involved an airplane. In the shadow of 9/11 and in the midst of worst economic crisis in eighty years, Sully's professionalism was a needed reminder that there was good in the world. In telling the story of that fateful flight and the people who rose to the occasion that day, "Sully" provides us a similar message, and one that is most welcome.

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### Sony Introduces Two New Playstations

Sony has two new Playstations is hopes will find their way into stockings this Christmas. The first is the PS4, a slimmer console that sells for \$US300.



It will be followed up in early November by the PlayStation 4 Pro. The Pro will be a higher end model, retailing for \$US400. It features 4K video thanks to an enhanced graphics chip and high-quality audio.

### Feds Announce First Chief Information Security Officer

What does it take to get the US government to take cybersecurity seriously? Maybe dozens of hacks exposing the personal information of millions? The Hillary Clinton email debacle? Who knows what finally did it, but the same government that still had the Navy running on Windows XP after security support has ended has decided to appoint a Chief Information Security Officer to take charge of cybersecurity policy, planning, and implementation across the entire Government.

Tasked with the job is retired Brigadier General Gregory J. Touhill. Good luck, General Touhill.

### Recall Issued For Galaxy Note 7 Phones

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a formal recall for Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Phones.



This comes after a string of reports of exploding batteries in the new phones. The exploding batteries have been blamed for around 40 fires so far. Samsung had been offering replacement phones, but many customers were still using their Note 7. You can contact your wireless carrier, place of purchase or contact Samsung or go to Samsung.com to arrange a refund or replacement.

### Change.org Lays Off Staff

Change.org, a site dedicated to creating online petitions has let go nearly a third of its workers. Users of the site create "petitions" about topics ranging from serious issues like legalizing marijuana to silly ones calling for the distribution of particular flavors of potato chips.

It doesn't cost users anything to create petition. The company relies on sponsored petitions from organizations to make money, but so far that hasn't been working too well.

In a statement, CEO Ben Rattray said, "In doing this, we have made the very difficult decision to part ways with a group of remarkable teammates we are lucky to have had drive our mission, and who have helped impact the lives of millions of our users."

The company is now launching platforms that will allow users to fundraise and contribute money towards the causes they are championing online.

### Apple Angry Over Tax Bill From EU

The folks at Apple don't like paying taxes any more than the rest of us. The company is furious over a ruling by the European Union that says the company owes \$14.5 billion in back taxes because of a tax deal the company made with Ireland.



CEO Tim Cook criticized the ruling saying that it was effectively replacing Irish laws with the will of the commission. Ireland and Apple both intend to repeal the ruling

### The Mind is a Metaphor

I'm so excited about the page I'm sharing with you today – The Mind

is a Metaphor – it makes my English major heart very happy. The site is a database of metaphors and root-images that inspired the novelists, poets, dramatists, essayists, philosophers, belle-lettrists, preachers, and pamphleteers of the long eighteenth century (1660-1819). The eighteenth-century ended up being my subject area in my Master's program.

It is amazing to see a collection this large of metaphors. As of April 2015 there were over 14,000 metaphors in the database.

I would recommend heading directly the About page when you arrive. It gives you a thorough background on this metaphor database and its scope. It also offers directions for how best to search it. You can learn about how to use the facets (categories), or you can check out how to do fancier searching.

Or if you'd rather just dive right in, on the main page, you'll find the facets on the left side of the page, and on the right side you'll find the metaphors. You could start browsing right from there, or you can use the search engine beneath the banner.

This is an amazing resource of metaphors. Go check it out today!

<http://metaphors.iath.virginia.edu/>



### Pokemon Go Coming To Apple Watch

Happy news for fans of Pokemon Go and the Apple Watch. The wildly popular game will soon be available to play on the watch. The Pokemon Go has been downloaded over 500 million times since it launched in July.



Since an important element of the Pokemon Go game is physical activity, it's a perfect pairing with the smart watch. Your Apple Watch will let you how much farther you need to walk to meet goals and will also alert players when Pokemon are nearby. That eliminates the need to walk around looking at your smartphone. The app will be available later this year

### Nanny Cams

Thanks to nanny cams, you no longer need to have eyes in the back of your head. These indoor security cameras were made popular by parents who wanted to keep watch over their nannies, but they are not limited to this use. Nanny cams can help monitor your home while you're on vacation, keep an eye on Fido when you're at work, and—of course—keep track of caregivers for children and older parents.

### Pros of Nanny Cams

The biggest benefit of using a nanny cam is the peace of mind you get knowing that your home and loved ones are safe even when you can't be there. There are several other benefits to consider as well. Nanny cams are **affordable, compact, and discreet**. They can be hidden in common household items like stuffed animals and picture frames, and many of the best cameras are available for less than \$200. You can **record or view footage live**. Many nanny cams now come with apps that allow you remotely control and access the camera with your computer or smartphone.

These cameras **let you observe a caregiver firsthand** to see how well they get along with your children, pets, or older parents. This can help build trust and confidence after you've hired someone new.

Observing what goes on when you're away can **help you offer appropriate feedback** to improve caregiver performance. It can also assist with determining the truth if you receive conflicting accounts from your caregiver and child.



## ..... enjoying the Hunter Wine lifestyle with Andrew Marsh of Marsh Estate Winery, Pokolbin

Andrew is on hols so I have taken the liberty to re-publish an article he had written for paper 24th March 2005



On the 30<sup>th</sup> January this year, I woke up and greeted the day as I would any other. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and I was looking forward to a big Sunday breakfast before heading down to MacMasters Beach for a surf. I felt relaxed and prepared for the coming vintage

which would begin the next day. My mind was completely attuned to the task at hand for the next few months and there were no other distractions which would make life more complicated.

The next morning I awoke to the 4am alarm, eagerly hopped out of bed and headed to the winery. I've always loved vintage yet the first day always has you slightly daunted. You hope there are no problems with any part of the process which will throw a spanner in the works. Mind you, you expect the odd hiccup or two but the main aim is to get the fruit crushed and/or pressed into a tank and your refrigeration working well.

So, 9am comes and everything is working like clockwork. The semillon was looking sensational and I made a comment to my right hand man that this is the stuff for people giving birth to baby girls this year, to buy up big and drink the wine on the girl's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Within ten seconds of making this off-the-cuff statement, Holly slipped in the back door of the winery and whispered in my ear that she had just given a positive result on a home pregnancy test. I laughed, as I thought she must have heard my comment and played on it but as I looked closer, I noticed her excited little face intently focused on me, waiting for a reaction. I smiled, "well if it's a girl, she's going to love this on her 21<sup>st</sup>", I gagged, pointing at the juice gushing from the press.

"So, I'm going to be a dad?", I thought, "full on!". I certainly had a new spring in my step but it was a lot to swallow on the first day of vintage.

At 9.30am the phone rang. It was the estate agent urgently letting us know that a property we had expressed interest in was available for negotiation but there were a few interested parties. I phoned my lawyer and accountant from a mobile phone from the top of a wine tank and by 10.30am had Holly sitting in an office, with me on the crackling mobile, a hose in hand, covered in grape skins, waiting for another load of grapes. Negotiations had taken around 45 minutes and a reply came within the hour, so by 12 midday we were the proud new owners of a brand spanking new house.

Twenty four hours earlier I was surfing MacMasters point with my brother Nick, laughing at how carefree our lives actually were and planning a surfing trip to Tahiti later in the year and twenty four hours later I'm covered in grape skins on the first day of the always hectic vintage and I realise I'm married, my wife is barefoot and pregnant and I've just put myself in further debt, with the house with the picket fence. Some will say I'm mad, others will say it's bad luck, while some will say welcome to the real world. I'm going through it and I say "bring it on". I've never been good at doing things by halves so if I'm ever going to find out I'm having babies and buying houses it may as well be within three hours on the busiest day of the year. Hopefully, I'll have twins. Why not?

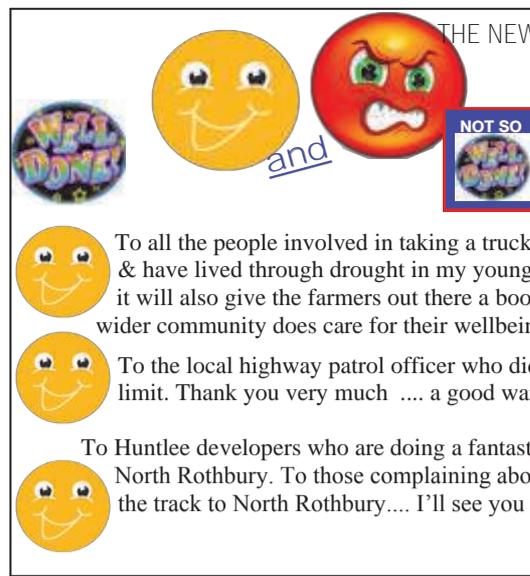
So, in October this year we will have a baby of some sort. I'm hoping for a boy but Holly keeps insisting that if I continue voicing that sentiment I will end up with a girl. My best and oldest friend, James Maxwell and his wife are expecting within a day or two of ours. That wouldn't be so coincidental, however we were both staying in Scotts Head on a surfing safari at the time of conception so there must be something in the water up there. Max's grandfather was one of my grandfather's best friends. Max's father is one of my father's best friends and Max and I are best friends, so now there will be a fourth generation of friendship. Because our grandfathers were involved in horseracing and our fathers met through rugby union and Max and I have now extended this generation based friendship through our recent conceptions, our families have insisted not to change the current formula of teaching our children the three R's. Max and I wish to encourage the tree R's as they are the most important requisites in life ~ racing, rugby and r\*\*ting. Max and I will one day be sitting around having a glass of wine, watching our grandchildren running around and we will be teaching them at a certain age the three R's of racing, rugby and r\*\*ting while we are continuing to practice the three R's ourselves ~ racing, rugby and reminiscing!! (I really will only have girls if I continue this nonsense!)

I'm going to feel a little sorry for my kids, the day they are old enough to help me in the vineyard and winery. My father made the three Marsh boys work extremely hard from a very young age and his slave labour tactics never won him any love but looking back it was good for us. Dad wouldn't pay us a cent, instead he named the Vintage Ports after us each year so our names were up in lights, so to speak. This went on for years until in 1981 when there was a union strike and the vineyard next door, Terrace Vale, whom my parents were one of the owners, desperately needed pickers and called upon anyone they could get their hands on. The owners and their kids were called upon to take the reins (there is a huge photograph of the first day still sitting proudly in the Terrace Vale tasting room). At the end of this first hectic day all the kids were handed an envelope containing the amount of thirty six dollars which I worked out to be four dollars an hour. I was wrapped. That was my very first pay packet and \$36 worth of mixed lollies in those days was a hell of a lot.

The next day we were picking at Marsh Estate but many of our pickers were not concerned about the union strike so we had nearly a full team. Terrace Vale were also picking again and once again the kids were given \$36 while my brothers and I had to be content with looking at our names on the bottles of Vintage Port. We were not too happy as we watched the other kids counting their second pay packet at the BBQ that night, so, on the third day my eldest brother, Simon, left the picking team at our place, jumped the fence and began picking for Terrace Vale. Dad was enraged when he found out but Simon was too busy counting his money. The following day Simon told Dad to stick his bottles of "Simon" Vintage Port elsewhere and refused to lift a finger for him for less than \$4 an hour. Dad said he would think about it but had no inkling of coming to the party in the near future. That night Terrace Vale's winemaker, Alain le Prince, phoned to see if he could 'borrow' the three of us for the next day's picking if we were not needed by Dad. Unfortunately for Dad, Simon picked up the phone and told Alain we would be there with bells on. So, the next morning we walked out into the vineyard with our picking team, jumped the fence and joined the team at Terrace Vale. Dad was none the wiser until he started expressing concern at how slow the picking team was. One of the team was then forced to go in and tell Dad that they were 3 short, owing to our mysterious disappearance. I've never seen Dad so angry as he stormed over, throwing his arms everywhere, yelling at us from the fence to get our behinds back to Marsh Estate. Nick & I started towards him, tails between our legs, but Simon told us to remain, unless Dad would pay us for our services. Simon and Dad were at each other.. "I'll give you \$2 an hour" yelled Dad. "Four" yelled Simon. "\$2.50". "\$4". "\$3.50". "\$4". "OK \$4! But hurry up, we're frantic".

From that day onwards we received \$4/Hr but unfortunately for us it stayed at \$4 for a very long time. I still have a bottle of the original Andrew Vintage Port proudly displayed in my laboratory and I know how hard I worked as a tiny kid for its fruition. I laugh about it now but it was tough work at that age having to pick grapes, clean tanks manually, wax open fermenters, shovel skins and stalks, bottle and label wine and everything else that goes with the territory. I wouldn't change a thing if I had my time over so when you start noticing my kids' names on my wine ~ I trust you not to say anything to them.

Cheers Andrew.



To all the people involved in taking a truck full of hay to Bourke. I came from Nyngan & have lived through drought in my younger years. Not only does it help materially but it will also give the farmers out there a boost in positivity as they will realise that the wider community does care for their wellbeing. Well done to you all.

To the local highway patrol officer who did listen to my reason for exceeding the speed limit. Thank you very much .... a good warning for me.

To Huntlee developers who are doing a fantastic job on the entry to their subdivision at North Rothbury. To those complaining about the "clean felling" on the western side of the track to North Rothbury.... I'll see you at the shopping centre when it is completed.



### Classified's

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**Microchipping:** Cats and Dogs, all sizes and breeds, will come to you. \$20 per animal, please call Angela on 0431649947.

**Fitness Classes:** 'Core & Strength'. Get fit for summer. 8am - 10am Tue & Thur at Miller Park Branxton \$12/class. Text/Phone Louise P: 0439 383 478

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**Wanted:** House keeper for 5 hours a fortnight. Please call 0419 987610

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**Wanted:** all kinds of Honda mini bikes qa50 z50a z50j1 z50jz ct70 st70 & atc70. Contact Drew 0435814841

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**Work Wanted:** HORSE CLIPPING - PERFORMANCE READY. Hunter Valley & Central Coast. Phone Caron 0416 128 701

**Work Wanted:** Lawns properties, mowing, trimming, removals, maintenance. Paul 0478103814 or 49987567

**Work Wanted:** Sick of cleaning, cooking dinner, washing. Call me! Taking bookings now. Professional and reliable service. Sue 0497257081

**Work Wanted:** Rural Fencing (TW & A Hollingshed) P: 4998 1583 or Trevor on 0429 320 787 for quotes.

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**Work Wanted:** Lawn & Garden Maintenance, P: 4938 3153

**Work Wanted:** Piano teacher available to give lessons P: Phil Aughey on 0447 381 989

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**Position Vacant:** Busy Pokolbin cafe requires a 1st or 2nd year apprentice to join their small team. Must be willing to work nights and weekends, reliable transport Passion for food & willingness to learn. Call Nathan on 49987945

### The "For your Diary" section of The News is a FREE community service.



- 20-22 Sept - New South Wales Wine Industry Awards at Cessnock Leagues Club
- Thur 22 Sept - Cessnock Prostate Cancer Support Groups next meeting at Cessnock Leagues Club 3pm to 4:30pm. Guest speaker Catherine Johnson from Calvary Mater Hospital. Topic: Healthy living/ Living well after a cancer diagnosis. Our meetings are open to all members of the public. Cost: Free. Tea and coffee provided. More information contact: Barry or Rose- 49904554.
- Fri 23 Sept - Last day of School Term
- OCT/NOV - Branxton/Greta CWA Land Cookery/Product Promotion (Blueberries) Day, venue/date TBA.
- Mon 3 Oct - Long Weekend Labour Day Public Holiday: state-wide
- Mon 3 Oct - 8am Wollombi @ Wollombi Saleyards, Paynes Crossing Road
- Tue 4 Oct - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
- Wed 5 Oct - Night Time Bingo @ Greta Workers Club from 7.00
- Mon 10 Oct - First day of Term 4
- Tue 11 Oct - Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting AGM, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.
- Tue 11 Oct - 6:30pm Tim Low author Songbirds of Australia and the Hunter Valley Talk @ Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
- Wed 12 Oct - Rags to Riches High Tea for Women's Cancer @ Branxton Community Hall from 11.30am
- Sun 16 Oct - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds Cnr Station Street & Maitland Road, Branxton
- Wed 19 Oct - Sec 355 Committee Public Meeting Branxton

- Community Hall at 4pm.
- Fri 21 Oct - Ch 7 @ 7pm Better Homes and Gardens featuring North Rothbury Rural Fire Service fire station Makeover.
- Sat 22 Oct - Garage Sale Trail Happening in Singleton & Cessnock LGA and across Australia. Register now at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)
- Sat 22 Oct - FREE Mattress Drop off. Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus Car Park
- Thur 29 Oct - Art After Hours Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 16 Vincent St, Cessnock
- Tue 1 Nov - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
- Tue 8 Nov - Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.
- Sun 20 Nov - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
- Sun 2 Dec - Twilight Market (4.00pm to 8.00pm) - Proceeds to Prostrate Cancer & Beyond Blue
- Tue 6 Dec - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
- Fri 9 Dec - Branxton Golf Club Christmas Spectacular
- Mon 12 Dec ~ Greta Public School 'Angels'
- Tue 13 Dec - Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room, followed by Christmas lunch.
- Tue 13 Dec - Greta Public School Presentation Day 2016
- Wed 14 Dec - Greta Public School Y6 Farewell
- Fri 16 Dec - Greta Public School End of Year Movie Day
- Sun 18 Dec - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds



### Kirkton Public School News

**Congratulations** and well done to our year 6 students! Their Powerpoint Display of the CWA's Country of Study—Mongolia was awarded first place in the Hunter River Group! Our students were presented with their Certificates during the CWA's International Day held at our school last week. We are all so very proud of you & wish you all the best when your display is judged at State Level. Thank you to the CWA for proving a wonderful afternoon tea for our students.



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≡ 3-4D



≡ Kinder Comets



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**Branxton Public School** Congratulations to Branxton Public School students and staff on the wonderful concert in Week 9. All classes did an amazing job of rehearsing acts, creating props and costumes and perfecting their performances. Students watched the daytime dress rehearsal and then the parents were treated to a spectacular evening show. Special thanks and congratulations to Mrs Kleinman and Mrs Mungoven for coordinating the event and for the many, many students, staff and parents who helped out before and on the concert day. The Branxton P.S. P&C have organised a Fundraiser Shopping Trip to Birkenhead Point and DFO at Homebush on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are \$40. Check our Facebook page for more information. A great chance to start the Christmas shopping! Everyone is now ready for a holiday and our last day for term 3 is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Students and staff both return for Term 4 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Dates for the Calendar**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – P&C Meeting 6pm in library
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Last day of term 3
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – First day of Term 4

**At Branxton Public School students, staff and community are Respectful, Responsible and achieve their Personal Best.**



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# Blood On The Track

Formerly Racing & Breeding Brian Russell Bloodstock Media Service

## Sire's gold medalist performers in both hemispheres

RACING in both hemispheres was ornamented in the second half of August by successes by 3-year-olds by the Darley shuttler Medaglia d'Oro, a son of the Sadler's Wells champion American sire El Prado, deserving gold medals for excellence. Loosely, by the way, Medaglia d'Oro in Italian is gold medal, in consequence the nomination.

Two Medaglia d'Oro displays of superior ability have been Songbird, a new Queen of American racing who cruised to a seven lengths win in \$600,000 Group 1 Alabama Stakes (2000m, dirt) at New York State's Saratoga on August 20, and Astern, a budding Australian star who won the Group 2 \$175,000 Run To The Rose (1200m) at Rosehill Gardens on August 27.

Possessed of similar smooth gear changes, Song Bird has laid claim to reverence to being the Winx of America as she has captured all her ten starts, all against her own sex and, except for a 6 1/2 lengths debut win in July 2015, in black type races, six of them Group 1. These have been the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (1400m, 5 1/4 lens), Santa Anita Chandelier Stakes (1700m, 4 1/2 lens) and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (1700m, 5 3/4 lens) at two and Santa Anita Oaks (1700m, 3 3/4 lens), Saratoga Coaching Club American Oaks (1800m, 5 1/4 lens) and the Alabama Stakes.

Songbird is from Ivanavalot, a winner of six races to Group 2 by West Acre, an unraced son of influential Mr. Prospector sire Forty Niner. Another Forty Niner sire, Group 2 winner Roar, was the sire of the dam of Rachel Alexandra, the Medaglia d'Oro filly who won 13 of 19 starts, including five Group 1s. She was American Horse of the Year at three and is a Hall of Fame inductee.

The grandam, the unraced Deputy Minister mare Beaty Shark, includes three successful in stakes among ten winners from eleven starters. She is from Torsion Belle, an unraced half-sister to Freedom Flower, dam in Australia of Stormy Regent, an Archregent gelded Group 3 winning sprinter, and Floribunda, a Brief Truce Melbourne winner bred in NSW by P.R. Stewart and Mrs B.E. Woodford-Smith, Huntworth Stud. They bred three winners from her, including the Bel Esprit Sydney sprinter Royal Esprit.

Songbird and Rachel Alexandra are among 13 American Group 1 winners by Medaglia d'Oro to date. One of the others is Warrior's Reward, a Spendthrift Farm, Kentucky sire who has had stakes winners and who is now on his second visit to their new stud in Victoria.

Also from a Mr. Prospector male line mare, Warrior's Reward (Aust. fee \$11,000) is one of three sons of Medaglia d'Oro on show in the current edition of the national sire book *Stallions*. Both Australian bred and performed and making their sire debuts, they Golden Slipper winner Vancouver (Coolmore, Hunter Valley; fee \$66,000) and San Domenico winner Nostradamus (Rosemont, Vic, \$8,800). Nostradamus is a half-brother to Star Witness, the Widden Stud sire whose son Star Turn won the San Domenico at Rosehill Gardens on August 13 and then got narrowly beaten by Astern in the Run To The Rose.

Both Nostradamus and Vancouver are from Danehill male line mares, a quality

also possessed by Astern, a colt bred by Darley and owned by their racing arm Godolphin.

Now winner of four of five starts, all in Sydney and, besides this event, including the Silver Slipper and Kindergarten, Astern is the result of the mating of Medaglia d'Oro with brilliantly bred Essaouira, an Exceed an Excel filly who ran twice, showing up as a spectacular prospect with a six lengths debut win at Moonee Valley.

Also dam of Mogador, a Lonhro colt who has won twice in Sydney and stakes placed in Brisbane and Melbourne, Essaouira is from Alizes, an STC Magic Night Stakes winner from La Baraka, an AJC Galaxy winner from the Marsay champion Triscay. She won five Group 1s, the VRC Australian Guineas, AJC Flight Stakes, Champagne Stakes, Oaks and Queensland Oaks.

Medaglia d'Oro, himself a winner of eight of 17 starts, including three Group 1s, runner up in the Breeders' Cup Classic and in the Belmont Stakes and Dubai World Cup, had two runners in this year's Run To The Rose, the other being mid field placed Tessa. Out of a Flying Spur mare, he was one of seven stakes winners (three 2-year-olds) supplied by this sire's Australian bred progeny in 2015-16.

## Arlington winner attracts bonus for breeders

BRUCE MCHUGH, a former leading Sydney bookmaker and Sydney Turf Club chairman who also has had some good results from breeding and racing, has had much enjoyment in the Sport of Kings down through the years, but one of the most pleasing was the promising victory of Little Arli, a 3-year-old gelding, in a 1000m event at Canberra on August 27.

He is not the breeder or owner, but got satisfaction from the achievement of Little Arli because he is the first of what should be a long list of winners for the first sire he has stood at stud, Savabeel's multiple stakes performed half-brother Arlington.

This imposing looking near black son of the distinguished dual hemisphere used Roberto sire Red Ransom is now a resident at Bruce McHugh's new Tamalee Farm Stud on the fringe of Tamworth in north western NSW. It is his first season at Tamalee Farm, but follows on four by arrangement with McHugh at Nick Posa's Lincoln Farm Stud at Blandford in the northern end of the Hunter Valley.

Arlington had a high fertility of 94.0% 2012 and 91.8% 2013 and already has over 200 foals on the ground including 85 in his first crop from 100 mares returned to the Stud Book. Only one of these is a grey and this is Little Arli, the runner who became Arlington's first winner when successful by half a length (4yo Classic Conquest) and 1 3/4 lengths (5yo Janis) in the eleven runner event at Canberra.

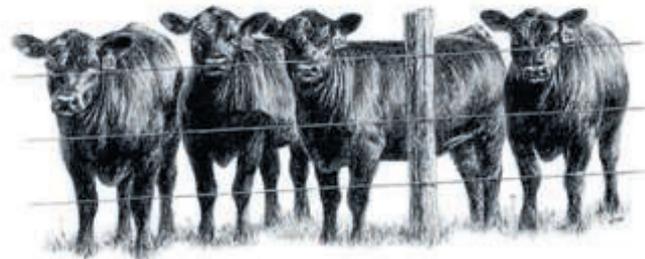
The favourite in the race, his second appearance, Little Arli is trained at Canberra by Ron Weston and John Nisbet for six owners, including his breeder, E.J. Phillips. He has grey colouring on both sides maternally, his dam, Ebony Fair, being by Kenfair, a top Sydney 2-year-old by Kenmare, and from Ebony Tudor, by Grosvenor. The first four dams have all been grey.

Little Arli's sire Arlington is standing this year on \$4,400, but as a celebration of his first winner, bookings are being accepted up to September 15 at half this amount. Contacts are Ken Blanch 0407 936 978 or Bruce McHugh 0411 549 999.

**This poem, written by Jonny Jethro Nickens, and submitted along with this photo, actually earned a poetry prize in West Virginia in 1912.**



# Detailed saleyard report



## Saleyard report - cattle

### Singleton report date 14 Sept 2016

Yarding 590 ~ **Change - 280** (Comparison Date 8/9/16)

Rainfall reduced numbers and the quality in the penning overall was plainer, with greater percentages of lighter younger cattle presented. The bulk offered were younger cattle, with the export cattle scarce in the pens. The usual orders competed, as competition remained strong throughout, with only the plainer quality penning contributing to any price variations. The under 200kg vealer steers to the restockers averaged 463c, after topping at 486c/kg. The over 200kg pens to the same orders ranged from 387c to 444c/kg. The medium weight vealer heifers to the restockers sold close to firm at 370c to 401c/kg. The medium weight yearling steers returning to the paddock averaged 375c and reached 385c, as high yielding prime conditioned steers to the butchers topped at 420c/kg. Again the yearling heifers sold well, with the prime pens to the butchers topping at 400c/kg. The younger end of the grown steers to the lot feeders reached 349c, with extra heavy weight older drafts to slaughter selling at 270c/kg. The plainer cows averaged 246c, with the better covered heavy weights ranging from 255c to 268c/kg. The best heavy weight bull topped at 275c/kg.



### Scone report date 13 Sept 2016

Yarding 880 ~ **Change -30** (Comparison Date 7/9/16)

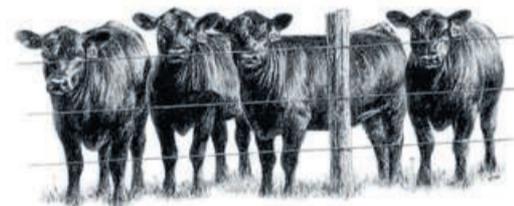
Numbers declined slightly predominately due to fewer export cattle although there were good runs of supplementary well-bred lines available with the majority of cattle returning to the paddock. Processor demand was also subdued, while extra restocker interest assisted in pushing prices higher. Secondary lines also sold strongly with competition for light steers and heifers intensifying as the sale progressed. Light weight D2 calves to restock averaged 412c, while light vealer steers also sold strongly averaging 483c/kg for 0-200kg lines. Light and medium weight vealer heifers sold steady to 6c dearer averaging from 394c to 407c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers to restock ranged from 360c to 420c with the majority averaging close to 412c/kg. Heavy weights to feed averaged 375c/kg. Yearling heifers averaged 3c to 5c dearer and more in places for medium weights with restockers paying 342c to 395c/kg for C2's. Heavier lines ranged between 300c to 392c to average 376c/kg. There were fewer export cattle available and prices trended downward. Medium weight D2 cows ranged from 240c to 270c to average 252c, back 8c, while the limited number of good quality cows sold from 262c to 272c averaging 264c/kg.



### TRLX Tamworth report date 12 Sept 2016

Yarding 1292 ~ **Change 718** (Comparison Date 6/9/16)

Numbers lifted and the quality improved but still contained a lot of young cattle that suited feeder and restocking orders. Grown cattle remained in limited numbers with around 65 cows penned. Not all the usual buying orders were active in a mostly dearer market. Light restocking steers and heifers were in strong demand and sold 30c dearer with the steers ranging from 370c to 450c/kg. Restocking heifers reached 411c/kg. Feeder steers gained 15c/kg on the medium weights and was firm on heavy weights. Prices ranged between 344c and 399.2c/kg. Feeder heifers started softer but ended stronger receiving 326c to 363c/kg. Limited numbers of prime yearling lifted prices by 15c to range from 352c to 373c/kg. Heifer lost 7c selling from 333c to 353c/kg. Grown steers averaged 2c/kg better with good numbers of 2 teeth throughout. Prices ranged between 306c and 375c/kg. Medium weight cows gained 7c to 10c but heavy weights eased 3c to 4c/kg. Medium weight 2 scores ranged from 228c to 266c and the heavy cows 255c to 290c to average 275c/kg.



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Where: **Tocal College, 815 Tocal Road Paterson**



## Songbirds of Australia and the Hunter Valley

Award winning author Tim Low will visit the Hunter Valley in October to speak about his latest book, *Where Song Began: Australia's Birds and How They Changed the World*.

Biologists around the world have come to realise that Australia has been the most important continent for bird evolution, and is the land in which a majority of the world's birds have ancestors.

In *Where Song Began* Tim explains how our birds came to be so extraordinary, including the large role played by the foods they consume, climate, soil, fire, and Australia's legacy as a part of the legendary Gondwana super-continent.

This event brings him to the Hunter to share his insights into the special significance and unique characteristics of Australia's songbirds. It's an event not to be missed!

Local bird expert Mick Roderick, from Birdlife Australia, will also be speaking about the rich bird life and biodiversity of the Cessnock area in the Hunter Valley.

This is a free event but bookings are essential as seats are limited. Please book online or call the Hunter Local Land Services Paterson office on 4930 1030 by Monday 3 October 2016.

When: 11th Oct 2016 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Contact  
Hunter Local Land Services  
4930 1030

# REFLECTIONS

SUNDAY 25th September 2016  
Gospel, Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day.

And at his gate there used to lie a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with what fell from the rich man's table. Even dogs came and licked his sores.

Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels into Abraham's embrace. The rich man also died and was buried.

In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his embrace.

So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

Abraham said, "My son, remember that during your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus has his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to prevent those who want to cross from our side to yours or from your side to ours."

So he said, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house,

since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too."

Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them." he rich man replied, "Ah no, father Abraham, but if someone comes to them from the



A PLACE AT THE TABLE

dead, they will repent."

Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

**Reflection on the Gospel-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time C, 25 September 2016 (Luke 16:19-31)**

*Social Justice Sunday 2016 invites us to make "a place at the table" for all and, in particular, to consider what that means in an ageing society, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

Social Justice Sunday 2016 invites us to make "a place at the table" for all and, in particular, to consider what that means in an ageing society. The gospel reading

calls us to look at the wealth we enjoy as a nation, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty that we claim for ourselves, and to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and who seek a place at the table of life. The exploitative wealthy are a particular target of the Lukan Jesus: "Woe to you who are

rich... (Luke 6:24)."

This Sunday's parable presents a nasty unnamed character who is mega rich and who uses his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly on a daily basis. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus

the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation a little too late. We must find a place at our tables for most vulnerable of God's people.

*The 2016-2017 Social Justice Statement and many other useful resources (print and video) can be downloaded from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)*

## Spring into action and join the Garage Sales Trail in Cessnock & Singleton LGA



opportunity to raise money," he said. "The idea of passing on what you don't want to a new home is truly a great form of sustainability." Garage Sale Trail Co-Founder Darryl Nichols said creativity, self-expression and

Singleton Junior Girl Guides who will be getting involved in the Garage Sale Trail to help raise money for their 2016/2017 program.

Singleton households, schools and community groups are set to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country on Saturday 22 October as part of national reuse, community and sustainable living movement, Garage Sale Trail.

Launched in 2010, Garage Sale Trail has grown from a grassroots event to a program powered by over 150 councils nationally. By organising communities around Australia to host and shop at garage sales on one big day, Garage Sale Trail aims to encourage reuse, unite communities, create awareness around the issues of illegal dumping, provide a platform for fundraising and inspire creativity.

Mark Ihlein, Council's Director Planning and Infrastructure, said Council was proud to be making Garage Sale Trail happen locally to provide residents with a fun way to declutter, meet people from the local area and uncover some unique bargains.

"Garage Sale Trail is a simple idea that encourages people to consider how things can be reused whilst also providing an

'good stuff' had always been an important part of the Garage Sale Trail initiative. "We absolutely love the unexpected interpretations of garage sales that we see on the day," he said.

"In the past, people have sold some quirky items including a signed U2 Gold Record, a beachside apartment, a highland cow, a hovercraft and a definitive collection of Star Wars figurines. Two Swedish girls even set up a roller disco in their garage for the day!" Last year saw 350,000 participants get involved with almost 3 million items listed for sale at more than 13,000 garage sales across the country. On the day, the average household sale made \$300, while group sales made \$650. A massive 75% of participants said that taking part in the event changed their perception of waste and what they could reuse.

Registration is free and open to all households, local businesses, schools and community groups at [garagesale-trail.com.au](http://garagesale-trail.com.au). The first 2,500 sellers in participating council areas to register by September 25 will receive a free promotional pack with posters and flyers to help maximise your sale success.

Cessnock City Council General Manager, Stephen Glen said unfortunately simply too much usable material ends up going to waste each year. "The Garage Sale Trail is a fun day that puts the spotlight on how re-using and recycling items helps the environment". "It is completely free to host a sale and great way for community groups, schools and charities to raise valuable funds".

"The Garage Sale Trail team have thought of everything so with just a little planning you can turn your pre-loved items into cash," Mr Glen said.

### ABOUT GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Garage Sale Trail is a not-for-profit community enterprise founded by Andrew Valder and Darryl Nichols. The program aims to promote reuse, waste education and community building. Now in its sixth year, Garage Sale Trail is powered by over 150 local councils reaching over half of the Australian population. In 2015 over 350,000 people got involved with almost 3 million pre-loved items for sale from over 13,000 garage sales and stalls. The average seller made over \$300 and created 22 new community connections on the day.

### DETAILS

Garage Sale Trail Saturday 22 October 2016 Happening in Singleton & Cessnock LGA and across Australia Register now at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)

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# SPORTS RESULTS



conditions to play a round of golf and friendship. Congratulations to John Atton & Steve Condran on winning the event, a well done to other winners and placegetters.

**LN Bootes, Hon Sec Hunter Valley Golf Club Sunday 11th September**  
The Weekly Challenge has been won by Christine Harrison with 38 points from Mark White who carded 34 points.

**Tuesday 13th September**  
Stephen Applebee smashed his handicap by ten shots to return 46 points to win the Tuesday Stableford from Ken Scott-MacKenzie on 42 and John Stewart in 3rd place with 40 on a countback. Ball winners were: Scott Archibald 40, Peter Wilson 40, Gary Arnold 39, Grahame Sheldon 39, Ian Newell 39, Lindsay Self 38, Ray Newton 37, Wayne Drayton 36, Mark Barrow 36 and Wayne Cowen 36.

Nearest-the-Pins went to Ken Scott MacKenzie (3rd) Kevin Smith (4th) Chris Taggart (8th) Lindsay Self (10th) and Dale Macklinshaw (17th)

**Wednesday 14th Sept**  
Once again the ongoing rain cycle has kept the Ladies off the course with the 'Hartball' teams event set down for this Wednesday.

**Thursday 15th September**  
Geoff Sweetman survived a countback from Ken Wright to win the Vets event this week after both had 38 point returns, Dave Fury also had to survive a 3 way countback to take 3rd place with 37 points. Ball winners were: Ian Newell

37, Ken Harris 37, David Peel 36, Grahame Sheldon 36, Peter Munro 35, Ryan Wilson 35, Wayne Berry 35, Phil Durie 35 and Lynette Russell 34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Keith Dunlop (3rd) Grahame Sheldon (4th) and Rex Talbot (17th). Next week the vets will play 2 Man No Scotch with a shotgun start at 7:45 am.

**Saturday 17th September**  
Two Toukley visitors have found the Hunter Valley Golf course to their liking fighting out A grade with both finishing on 40 points, Coen King got the judges nod for the win from John Jamieson, John Stewart claimed B Grade with 41 points with Michael Booth runner up with 39 points and C Grade to Adam Kerry with 'the round of the day' 42 points from Jaye Stevens on 39 points. Ball winners were: Brendan Smith v39, David Peel 38, Chris Connolly 38, Tom Blomley v38, Hieu Le 37, Dianne Oakes 37, Paul Davies 36, Brad Pringle 36, Andrew Fensom 36, Brian Rooney 36, Geoff Sweetman 36, Ken Springbett 35, Bruce Chambers 35, Lachlan Peacock 35 and Robert King v34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Bruce Chambers (3rd) John Stewart (4th) and Grahame Sheldon (17th). Next Saturday's Golf will be Quota.

**Please Note: HVGC Ladies** are holding their Open Day on Monday 26th September playing a 4 Person Teams event for bookings and complete details please contact Melita Watson—Ladies Captain E-mail: melitawatson@bigpond.com Phone: 0402247599

**Branxton Ladies Golf Results for 7/09/16 Stableford Event**  
Winner: Ruth McCarthy 39 point  
Runner up: Nikki Craig 33 point

NTP: Caren Caldwell  
**Branxton Ladies Open Day**

Branxton Open Day was well supported with 47 players from the following Clubs: Branxton, Aberdeen, Hunter Valley, Beresfield, Muswellbrook, Denman, Cessnock, Tanilba Bay, Singleton, Nelsons bay, Paterson and Merriwa. Overall Winner and Winner of the Branxton Cup was Royalie Sciani from Hunter Valley with 87 strokes. Winner of the Jill Thomas memorial shield overall nett winner (Branxton Ladies Only) was Ruth McCarthy with 68 nett.

Division 1 Scratch winner: Lindis Durham (Muswellbrook) 90 gross Nett winner: Leesa Robinson (Hunter Valley) 70 nett  
Stableford winner: Hely Vandenbruggen ( Branxton) 35 points  
Division 2 Scratch winner was Ruth McCarthy (Branxton) 101 gross Nett winner Glenda Williams (Cessnock) 73 nett

Stableford winner Amy Riley (Cessnock) 34 points  
Division 3 Scratch winner Valmai Pascoe (Denman) 106 gross  
Nett winner Diane Brankstone (Beresfield) 69 nett

Stableford Veronica Williams (Tanilba Bay) 38 points  
Longest Drive Division 1 Sue Wilkes (Muswellbrook)  
Division 2 Tracey Miller (Branxton)

Division 3 Kay Wood (Beresfield)  
NTP Division 1 Hely nVandenbruggen (Branxton)  
Division 2 Chris Osbourne (Tanilba Bay)  
Division 3 Valmai Pascoe (Denman)  
Vets winner Ruth McCarthy (Branxton)  
Super Vet Glenda Williams (Cessnock)  
Team Event Jen Salna,

Ruth McCarthy and Tracey Miller with a total 106 Stableford score

**BRANXTON GOLF CLUB – SAT 3RD SEPT STROKE – MONTLHY MEDAL**

**MEDAL WINNER** Errol Munzenberger 68  
**A GRADE WINNER** Riley McClung 70  
**A GRADE RUNNER UP** Bryce Element 70  
**B GRADE WINNER** Chris O'Brien 72  
**B GRADE RUNNER UP** Noel Hughes 72  
**C GRADE WINNER** John Martin 70  
**C GRADE RUNNER UP** Kevin Walton 72  
**BALL COMP 76 NTP'S 2 ND/11TH 4 TH 9 TH 13TH**

Bryce Element 387CM Ed Garland 610CM Robert Hale 85CM Ed Garland 396CM Cyclonic conditions greeted the resilient players on Saturday where buggies "bit the dust" all day, and just standing over the golf ball and hitting it proved a challenge. Many players decided to stay at home with the rest of us living proof that playing on any other day will be much easier. Errol Munzenberger was the only player all day to beat his handicap, winning the Monthly Medal with a very creditable 68 nett. A Grade was won by local, promising junior, Riley McClung with a fine 70 nett, just ahead of his playing partner, Bryce Element with the same score. Chris O'Brien's 72 nett was good enough to win B Grade, on a countback from Noel Hughes with John Martin winning C Grade with his 70 nett, two clear of Kevin Walton's 72 nett. A 76 nett was needed to win a golf ball, with the DSR for the day 71—surprisingly low when you consider some of the scores that came in! The shot of the day belonged to the enigmatic Robert Hale, whose shot to the last finished only 85 cms away.

Eddie Garland hit some fine iron shots finishing with two nearest the pins on the 4th and 13th—he certainly liked that hole on Saturday. As mentioned last week the "Light Me Up Golf" is coming up on Friday, 16th September. The details are on the club's website under last week's results. It's a 2 Person Ambrose with registration at 5.30 for a 6.30 start. (You have to wait until the sun goes down!) The cost is \$50 per player with all players asked to wear the colours of their favourite footy team.

**BRANXTON GOLF CLUB –SAT 10TH SEPT 2BBB STABLEFORD + SINGLE IN CONJUNCTION 2BBB WINNERS** Stuart

Robinson / Daniel Rogers 52 pts 2BBB RUNNERS UP Darren Mathers / Peter Mackenzie 47 pts 2BBB THIRD PLACE Darren Gilroy / Kyle Mounser 46 pts c/b SINGLE WINNER Daniel Rogers 47 pts SINGLE RUNNER UP Kevin Walton 40 pts SINGLE THIRD Darren Gilroy 38 pts BALL COMP 32 PTS NTP'S 2 ND/11TH 4 TH 9 TH 13TH

S Robinson 135cm J Tracey 87 cm S Ross 70 cm J Tracey 475 cm  
**EAGLES NEST – KYLE MOUNSER 16TH COREY LAMB 8TH** Saturday's 2 BBB certainly brought the best out of many players who mastered the difficult windy conditions very well. Daniel Rogers played the round of his life, scoring 47 pts on his own, equivalent to a 84 off the stick from his 25 handicap. He has been diligently and resiliently having lessons with our club professional, Marcus Ryter, with these lessons now starting to make a difference. Daniel hardly missed a shot all

day, he could have quite easily have bettered this score by a couple of more shots. His playing partner, Stuart Robinson, combined well with him to easily win the 2BBB competition with 52 pts. Stuart started the day with a wonderful shot to the 2nd, only 135 cms away. Darren Mathers and Peter McKenzie finished runner up with an excellent 47 pts, just ahead of Darren Gilroy and Kyle Mounser's 46 pts. This included a wonderful eagle on the 16th for Kyle—a drive, 6 iron and putt—he couldn't have played this any better! Kevin Walton finished runner up in the singles with his 40 pts, usually good enough to win on such a tough day with the ball competition going down to 32 pts. Darren Gilroy showed how his team did so well in the 2BBB by finishing third with 38 pts. The shot of the day belonged to Steve Ross, whose shot to the last finished only 70 cms away—knocking off multiple club champion Mark Hale's equally impressive shot to this hole. Joshua Tracey mastered the par threes winning tow of theme with his shot to the 4th only 87 cms away. Corey Lamb also scored an eagle in a slightly less conventional manner on the 8th, with his 6 iron "slam dunking" into the hole. A great shot to this difficult hole. The 5 Skins final was played on Saturday afternoon, an event in which players had to qualify over 5 different rounds. After all the dust (and wind) was settled, Club Captain, Murray Johanson emerged as the skins champion, winning \$270, just ahead of Riley McClung with \$250 (not bad for a young boy!) with John Vasser winning \$40 and Rob Watson \$20—such is the nature of skins!

## New Online Pool Booking Making a Splash

The 2016/17 pool season is just around the corner with Branxton and Cessnock pools to officially open at 7am on Saturday October 1. Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said Council has introduced new software so patrons can purchase pool entry online. "The community will have the convenience of buying full season, three month, 20 entry and single entry passes from their computer or smart device". "Flexible direct debit payment options are also now available for full season and three month memberships", said Cr Pynsent.

Entry Costs	
<b>Single Entry</b>	<b>Family:</b> \$12.00 <b>Adult:</b> \$4.50 <b>Spectator:</b> \$2.20
<b>Season Tickets</b>	<b>Family:</b> \$355.00 <b>Couple:</b> \$275.00 <b>Single:</b> \$196.00
<b>Three Month Tickets</b>	<b>Family:</b> \$185.00 <b>Couple:</b> \$143.00 <b>Single:</b> \$103.00
<b>20 Entry</b>	\$65.00
<b>Booking Fee - Carnival/Fun Day</b>	\$113.00
<b>Replacement Pass</b>	\$4.00

During the off-season over \$90,000 of maintenance and renewal works has been undertaken to the outdoor pools. Patrons will see change room improvements and freshly painted exteriors. The pools are also ready to keep the community cool and comfortable following servicing of the main pumps and improvements to the plant room. Pool memberships and passes can be purchased online from [cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://cessnock.nsw.gov.au).



## Greta/Branxton Colts Presentation Night

The Greta/Branxton Colts annual seniors presentation night was held at the Greta Workers Club on Saturday 6th October, with award winners as follows:

- "Darren Jordan Memorial" Rookie of the Year** - Alex Kowalski
- U/18's Best Forward** – Jake Russell
- Reserve Grade Best Forward** – Daniel Kowalski
- "Inky Hall Memorial"**
- First Grade Best Forward** – Craig Edwards
- U/18's Best Back** – Daniel Robins
- Reserve Grade Best Back** – Steve Little
- First Grade Best Back** – Michael Deacon
- U/18's Best & Fairest** – Alex Kowalski
- U/18's Coach's Award** – Rob Delforce
- Reserve Grade Best & Fairest** – Rob Ayscough
- First Grade Best & Fairest** – Craig Edwards
- U/18's Player's Player** – Alex Kowalski
- Reserve Grade Player's Player** – Rob Ayscough
- First Grade Player's Player** – Craig Edwards
- U/18's Leading Try Scorer** – Ben Russell
- Reserve Grade Leading Try Scorer** – Lee Nevin
- First Grade Leading Try Scorer** – Shane Nevin



Reserve grade coach Steve Nevin who led the team to a grand final

**Overall Leading Try Scorer** – Jason Turner  
**Most Dedicated Player** – Rob Ayscough  
**Group 21 Representative Players** – Ben Russell, Jake Russell, Sam Russell, Alex Kowalski, Jacob Brown, Brendan Plum, Craig Edwards, Matt Lantry.

Congratulations to all awardees.

# The NEWS SPORT

## Greta/Branxton Colts 2016 Seniors Presentation

The Greta/Branxton Colts 2016 Seniors presentation was held at the Greta Workers Club on the night of Saturday 17th September. With a healthy crowd of over 100 in attendance, awards were presented to the following:

**U/16-2's – Minor Premiers/Beaten Grand Finalists**  
Most Improved:- Lachlan

Prestwich  
Player's Player:- Max Rae  
Best and Fairest:- Patty Donohoe  
Coaches Award:- Declan Keegan  
Most Dedicated Player ("Ben Garland Memorial"):- Michael Regan  
**U/18's – Finished Fifth**  
Leading Try Scorer:- Jesse Howard 5 tries  
Best Forward:- Zac Watkins

Best Back:- Scott Haynes  
Player's Player:- Callum Nugent  
Best & Fairest:- Jesse Howard  
Coach's Award:- Brock MacKintosh  
**Ladies League Tag – Beaten Grand Finalists**  
Leading Try Scorer:- Katie Sampford 11 tries  
Player's Player:- Caitlin Shoulders  
Best & Fairest:- Ashlee Harvey  
Coach's Award:-



Leading Try Scorer Overall:- Katie Sampford 11 tries  
Most Dedicated Player:- Brock MacKintosh  
Rookie of the Year ("Darren Jordan Memorial"):- Toby George  
President's Award:- Sharon Gorman  
Club Person of the Year:- Adam "Yoda" MacKintosh  
Life Membership:- Awarded to Mitch Hammond, John Gorman and Alison Hall  
**Representative Honors**

Tefol, Maitland Mutual, SRH Milk, PPK Mining Equipment, Trick Signs, Huntlee, Subway.  
To the committee, coaches, volunteers and supporters who have all contributed to the on-going success of the Colts, thanks very much.  
The club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Greta Workers Club on

Sunday 23rd October, commencing at 10:00am. All persons wishing to help out with the running of the club in any capacity are encouraged to attend.  
Up the Colts!

Mark Bercini.

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Geneva Fuller  
**Reserve Grade – Finished Sixth**  
Leading Try Scorer:- Darren Williams/Dominic Whitehead/Sean Kowalski 3 tries each  
Best Forward:- Adam Woodcroft  
Best Back:- Darren Williams  
Player's Player:- Hayden Slade  
Best & Fairest:- Hayden

Slade  
**First Grade – Finished Fifth**  
Leading Try Scorer:- Chris Walters 6 tries  
Best Forward ("Billy Jacobs Memorial"):- Josh Dicker  
Best Back:- Ben Russell  
Player's Player:- Josh Dicker  
Best & Fairest:- Jake Russell  
**Club Awards**

**Group 21 U/18's – Callum Nugent (captain), Josh Ross**  
**Group 21 Ladies League Tag – Ashlee Harvey, Katie Sampford**  
**Greater Northern Tigers Ladies League Tag – Ashlee Harvey**  
A massive thankyou goes to all of our sponsors of both Schoolboys and Senior leagues this season:- Greta Workers Club, Royal Federal Hotel/Swill 'n Grill, Brauntell Pty Ltd,

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